

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-03-01**

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Business Meeting: March 5, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – Rates for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport, termination and resale aka "the permanent pricing docket – To brief the Commission on the docket's issues, procedures, etc. (3/7/01)
2. Mike Zenker – Cambridge Energy Research Association – Forum on Electric Deregulation Efforts (3/8/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.2.19 (Leroy)

On February 13, Qwest Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 01-03 "UAS/DSS" Promotional offer. During the promotional period from March 12, 2001 through June 8, 2001, businesses subscribing to Advanced Digital Switched Services (DSS) or Uniform access Solution (UAS) will receive a waiver of the applicable non-recurring charges when entering into a 3 or 5 year Rate Stability Agreement. In addition, monthly recurring charges will be waived for one month when customers enter into a 3 year agreement or tow months when customers enter into a 5 year agreement. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed by September 8, 2001. In addition, this waiver is available to current contract customers whose contract will expire on or before June 8, 2002, and who elect to renew their contract during the promotional period. This promotion is available only where it is technically feasible to provide service and where facilities are available during the promotional period.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.2.22 (Leroy)

On February 23, 2000, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-05 "Introduce Easy Access", a new Custom Calling Service. The service is available for residential and business customers. Easy Access is a new service that provides customers the ability to dial *98 and automatically connect to another predetermined number.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INC. Docket N2001-2.23 (Dave)

On February 23, 2001, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 01-06 to introduce a new optional feature called NextConnects. This new feature provides customers with the ability to queue calls when all incoming lines are busy.

During the limited promotional period from March 26, 2001 through May 24, 2002, customers who subscribe to NextConnects will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge to install up to three groups of two queue slots and the customers will also receive a waiver of the first month's recurring charge for up to three groups of two queue slots.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-03-12

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2001.2.21 – Jetco (Jefferson Energy Trading CO) – Application for gas supplier license

N2001.2.22 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 01-05 "Introduce Easy Access"

N2001.2.23 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 01-06 "Introduce NextConnects"